



Students feel burden as federal loan debt surpasses \$1 trillion

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Missourian Reporter

Student loan debt surpassed \$1 trillion in the United States this month, according to a report released last week from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

The news comes just weeks after the Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced student loan debt surpassed both car loan (\$730 billion) and credit card (\$693 billion) debt.

Del Morley, Northwest financial assistance director, said approximately 70 percent of Northwest students borrow at some point in their college career and the latest graduating class had an average federal loan debt of \$19,825.

"For many of our students, they wouldn't be able to attend here or anywhere else without student loans," Morley said.

But borrowing excessively is never a good thing, he said.

"There are instances where students borrow just because they can without thinking of the consequences of having to repay," he said. "We always advise to only borrow what they really need."

Morley said they also advise students as they begin to prepare to graduate and encourage them to make more than the minimum payment required whenever possible.

Recent Northwest graduate Megan Rust understands feeling the bur-

den of carrying student loan debt.

She took the advice given to her from the Financial Aid Office. Following graduation and finding her first job, Rust said she continued to live like she was in college to help pay off her student loans more quickly.

"I lived on a very tight budget," she said. "And every month I put as much of my paycheck as I could toward my school debt."

By living so frugally, Rust was able to pay off her student loans in

just a couple of years.

"If you're already used to living on a budget because you're in college, just keep living that way so you can make bigger loans payments," Rust said. "The longer you wait to pay them off, the more you'll pay in interest."

All of the federal student loan servicers offer tips and suggestions for being a responsible borrower, Morley said. He also suggested visiting studentloans.gov for more information.



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In 2010, 218 people died in drinking-related crashes in the state of Missouri. In an attempt to deter students from driving under the influence of alcohol, University Police will be conducting sobriety checkpoints throughout the month of April.

University conducts sobriety checks

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In 2010, a person was killed or injured every 2.2 hours due to a drinking-related crash in Missouri, according to the Missouri Department of Transportation. University police will conduct sobriety checkpoints on campus in an effort to decrease that statistic.

In 2010, 218 people were killed and 3,823 people were injured, according to the Traffic Safety Compendium released by MODOT. People between the ages of 15 and 25 accounted for about one-third of those numbers.

No checkpoints have been conducted yet, but Clarence Green, University Police chief, says two checkpoints will be held in April. University Police will not announce where or when the checkpoints are prior to them being held. Green hopes this will encourage students to seek transportation options other than driving while intoxicated.

"Our biggest goal is to deter people from

driving drunk," Green said. "If we don't make any arrests and have significantly more people using Safe Rides than usual, then we can consider this a success."

The two checkpoints were funded by a \$2,000 grant provided by the Missouri Department of Transportation through the Missouri Partners in Prevention program.

Northwest's Substance Abuse Task Force suggested the idea in order to encourage students to make responsible decisions when drinking.

"We want our students to always be safe and responsible," Jennifer Kennymore, chairwoman of the Substance Abuse Task Force, said. "Students will know this will be happening, and hopefully that will encourage them not to drive if they have been drinking. We also want this to educate them on the consequences of drunk driving."

Green said if drivers are held at a checkpoint and an officer detects alcohol, then a sobriety test will be conducted, but if no alcohol is detected, then drivers will only be held for 30 seconds to one minute. Green

says he does not expect a lot of arrests to come out of this plan.

"If we make five arrests, I'll be shocked," Green said. "We want this to make people make better decisions, healthier decisions, utilize Safe Rides more and utilize other designated driving plans more."

Northwest student Chris Kennedy doesn't think students will like this plan but understands the University's actions.

"The students won't see it as a good thing," Kennedy said. "The department is most likely doing it in response to a situation and using it as a deterrent, but the students won't like it."

Graduate student Brad Kromrie thinks this will be an effective way of preventing drunken driving on campus.

"I think since the University warned the public ahead of time students will know there is a greater chance of getting stopped, and they will be more likely to use DDs or things like Safe Rides," Kromrie said.

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Kony 2012 finds controversy

ALEX RASH

News Editor

In early March many people using social media couldn't visit a page without seeing the familiar Kony 2012 logo pasted somewhere on the screen. After going viral, the organization Invisible Children, which hosted the campaign, found itself under criticism with the way funds are being used.

Invisible Children created a video, which received over 40 million views in just a few days, that pleaded for the arrest of Joseph Kony, a notorious warlord from Uganda who trained and abused children as soldiers.

"I don't think I could visit Facebook without seeing the famous red poster," junior Breana Deitrich said. "It was smart marketing on their part; it made you wonder what it was all about, why there was so much hype."

While people around the globe have welcomed the video and its message by spreading the word and making donations, the way the funds are being spent triggered a controversy.

Since the organization is non-profit, certain records, including financial records, are available to the public. The June 2011 and 2010 statements of financial position prepared by Considine and Considine revealed that a only small percentage of their revenue went to direct

services benefitting Uganda.

"Thirty-seven percent of our budget goes directly to central African-related programs, about 20 percent goes to salaries and overhead, and the remaining 43 percent goes to our awareness programs," Jedidiah Jenkins, Invisible Children's director of ideology, said in an interview with Good News. "...the truth about Invisible Children is that we are not an aid organization, and we don't intend to be. I think people think we're over there delivering shoes or food. But we are an advocacy and awareness association."

Grant Oyston, a sociology and political science student at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada, began a blog called Visible Children that has brought a lot of light to the controversies currently aimed at the Kony 2012 campaign.

"I do not doubt for a second that those involved in Kony 2012 have great intentions, nor do I doubt for a second that Joseph Kony is a very evil man. But despite this, I'm strongly opposed to the Kony 2012 campaign," Oyston wrote on his blog.

He cited the use of funds as well as Uganda citizens' negative reaction to the "make Kony famous" approach among reasons for his disapproval.

"I feel it is somewhat misleading, I feel a lot of people are left with the feeling that they are actually an aid organization that works in Africa. While they do, do that, it is not their focus," Oyston said.



AP IMAGES

The Kony 2012 campaign, hosted by the organization Invisible Children, found itself in a wave of controversy after the use of their funding was made public. Jedidiah Jenkins, Invisible Children's director of ideology, tries to defend the organization's intentions.



Gospel choir set to perform first concert

JENNA ANTHONY
Missourian Reporter

Northwest’s Spirit and Truth Gospel Choir will sing praises this Friday, April 13 at their first concert. The choir, along with five other gospel groups from the surrounding area, will partake in a night of worship and fellowship at the First United Methodist Church.

“The concert is at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on First Street,” junior Mia Divine, STGC president, said. “The doors open at 6:30 p.m., and it is free with a Bearcat Card and a \$1 charge for the general public.”

The concert will provide a number of songs and dances along with over 60 raffles. Refreshments will also be provided following the concert.

“I am excited for our performance; we are performing eight songs, two of them I have written,” STGC pianist, sophomore Jeremiah Hill said. “Our main goal is to minister to people, let them know who God is and show them why

he is so wonderful.”

The choir began in 2007 with a mission to minister to people about Jesus and help them build relationships with God, according to Divine.

“This is the biggest thing Spirit and Truth has put on, and it is exciting to see it come together,” choir member TeAirra Pose said.

According to Divine, about 21 of the choir’s active members will be participating in the singing and worship.

“I hope to give God praise and give him our one hundred percent,” choir member, Micahh Davies, said. “Without God we are not a choir; we are nothing.”

The choir has been working on songs for many weeks in preparation for the concert.

“I am most looking forward to being with my brothers and sisters and singing praises unto the Lord to uplift somebody else; if they are going through something, maybe our music could change their outlook on things,” Divine said. “I hope everyone comes out and enjoys themselves.”

Wind Symphony trip cancelled following budget concerns

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Assistant News Editor

The Northwest Wind Symphony earned the opportunity earlier this year to perform abroad against some of the top wind symphonies in the country.

Unfortunately this opportunity was recently revoked due to budget issues. The trip was estimated to be \$2,600.

The University Wind Symphony was selected to perform at the thirtieth International Society for Music Education World Conference on Music Education.

The conference will be held in Thessaloniki, Greece this July, according to ISME.org.

The Conference Organizing Committee invites varying forms of musical ensembles to perform during the conference, according to ISME.org. The organization believes that through the performances of ensembles, music can be shared through the different cultures, music styles and genres of music that are in attendance at each conference.

This was the first time in the University’s history of the music

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LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

University Police Department plans on removing the emergency lights located around campus and engourage students to use their cell phones instead. The lights cost the University \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year.

University Police takes new approach

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Managing Editor

The University Police Department is taking safety to a digital level this year, making the decision to take out the emergency lights on campus and advising students to use their cellphones in case of emergency.

“When we put the lights in, cellphones were not as prolific as they were now,” Clarence Green, chief of university police, said.

The idea of taking the lights out was brought up last year after receiving news that the cost to update them spiked to \$40 thousand.

“We’ve had them roughly 10 years and have never had an emergency call on them,” Green said. “I hate to use numbers for building something like this, but we know we spend \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year on them, so dropping to \$500 on students using their cellphones and other marketing ideas would be the best.”

Surveys were sent out at the beginning of the year starting with Student Senate to see what the student reaction would be.

“Most students I talked to would make jokes about them, saying things like ‘what am I supposed to do, run by there hit that light and then run around in circles until someone gets me?’” Green said. “The main

thing is, if they were used, it would be a harder push to get them out, but all of our data shows that they are never used for an emergency. It is impossible to think we should still be spending money on things students never use.”

After a mixed bag of answers from Student Senate, those surveys were then presented to members from admissions, marketing and student affairs to look over and explain all the data from the group.

The final decision was made by the Northwest Leadership Team. Members of the group gave the police department the go ahead for removal of the lights by July 1.

“Almost everyone has a cellphone now, and so I would imagine that the rationale behind that is that the use of the lights has gone down dramatically as a result of that,” Doug Dunham, university provost and member of the Northwest Leadership Team, said.

The University Police Department says they look forward to educating students and parents of incoming freshmen on how to use their cellphones in an emergency.

“Come August, we’ll talk about using their cellphones in our program called Hard Core Safety,” Green said. “Something we need to advise parents to do

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Friends of the Library Book Sale 9 a.m. at Maryville Public Library	Softball vs. Washburn 3 p.m. at Bearcat Softball Field	Spirit and Truth Gospel Choir Gospel 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church
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ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Brittany Kuhlleppl leads little brother, Eli Horn at the Phi Delta Theta annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday at Beal Park.

Unclaimed items reach \$600 million

EMILY DEMAREA
Missourian Reporter

Northwest Missouri residents missing unclaimed property items could possibly find themselves wealthier after reading this article. Missouri Treasurer Clint Zweifel visited the state's property vaults last week to add unclaimed items from safe deposit boxes in Missouri.

Jon Galloway, director of communications for Zweifel, explained the process of the items entering the vaults.

"By law, state deposit boxes are required to be turned over to the state treasurer after they have set dormant for five years," Galloway said.

Galloway added that at no point in time do the boxes become the property of the state. The state treasurer is required to hold an auction every two years as the vaults fill up.

In the Northwest Missouri Region, which accounts for 15 counties, including Nodaway County, there is \$9 million of unclaimed property in more than 89,000 accounts.

Galloway said this is only a minor percentage of what the state

treasury is actually holding.

"Although it's very visually appealing and interesting, and they also tell a story about unclaimed property, it's important to know the physical items in the state deposit boxes account for about 1 percent of all unclaimed property Treasurer Zweifel holds," Galloway said. "He actually holds about \$600 million in unclaimed property."

From baby photos to baseball cards, Galloway said the boxes include just about anything.

"It could range from a George Brett signed baseball to a pair of diamond, mink fur earrings," he said. "Somebody even felt it was valuable enough to put a 'Looney Tunes' tie collection in a state deposit box."

Galloway said the best way to find unclaimed property is to visit showmemoney.com and use the search feature to enter one's name and see if there is any unclaimed property attached.

"There are a lot of people out there who are trying to make money off this," Galloway said. "So if anybody ever sends you a letter or gives you a call and says they'll give you your items for a percentage of the value, you should never do that."

Midwest tests new warnings

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News Editor

The sound of tornado sirens is all too familiar in the Midwest, and with 75 percent of warnings not resulting in the touchdown of a tornado, it is a signal that is often ignored.

Currently, five National Weather Service offices in Missouri and Kansas are testing out new severe weather warnings that will help people distinguish the level of danger that comes with each signal.

"The warnings will be more specific and will say exactly what impacts are expected to be," Andy Bailey, NWS-Kansas City/Pleasant Hill, Mo. representative, said. "So people know it is not an everyday tornado, but something more severe."

Following the record-setting tornadic activity in 2011 that resulted in tragedies such as the EF-5 tornado that claimed 161 lives, the NWS decided that measures must be taken to improve the public's response and decision making in se-

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Maryville residents' open burn period coming to end

EMILY DEMAREA
Chief Reporter

Maryville residents are running out of time to burn their yard debris, as the first of three open burn periods ends soon.

C.E. Goodall, public works director, said guidelines for the open burn period include the burning of mostly leaves and yard debris. He said trash is not considered debris and will not be allowed to burn during the period.

A copy of the Chapter 225 Fire Code on open burning is on the Maryville.org website, but Goodall listed a few of the more popular guidelines for Maryville residents to be aware of.

"Make sure your fire is at least 50 feet away from buildings," he said. "Keep your piles no bigger than 16 feet in diameter, don't burn after dark and keep a five-eighths of an inch water hose nearby when you burn."

City Clerk Sheila Smail added

that people need to remain close by their fires while their leaves and brush are burning.

"The biggest thing I would say is don't leave the fire unattended and make sure you have a water hose nearby," she said.

Smail added that failure to obey the guidelines could result in consequences. According to Chapter 225 of the Fire Code, anyone participating in unlawful burning could face a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months. In any violation, it is also possible to receive an imprisonment term combined with a less than \$500 fine, as determined by the court's jurisdiction.

Maryville residents have only a few days left to practice the open burning, as the lawful timeline to do so ends April 14. The next period for open burning will be July 17-31, and the final period in 2012 will be Oct. 24-Nov. 6.



JESSI ALLISON | NW MISSOURIAN

With the burn ban effective in Maryville yards that house dead sticks and leaves, residents will have to begin to find another way to dispose of their debris.

Student Senate, City Council search for new student liaison to fill position for 2012- '13 academic year

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Missourian Reporter

Student Senate is on the search to fill their student liaison position for the 2012-2013 school year. The decision to continue with the position follows a successful year with senior Collin DeBuysere serving as the first-ever student liaison between the Senate and the Maryville City Council.

The student liaison plays an important role in gathering and reporting valuable information to the coun-

cil, according to Mayor Ron Moss. Before the liaison position was developed, members of the council were responsible for communication with the University and its students.

However, Moss said that many times the council did not know that students had an interest in issues the council was considering or topics they were discussing. After reviewing liaison positions in towns with similar university settings, the council worked with Matt Baker, vice president of student affairs, to develop the liaison po-

sition, according to DeBuysere.

"The University is a huge part of the city. So opening communication is crucial," DeBuysere said. "(The council) discussed ways to open that communication, and the liaison was the best way to do that."

As liaison, DeBuysere has kept communications between the University and the council as open as possible by attending council and Senate meetings and working closely with Baker and the city manager. DeBuysere said that Senate needs a liaison

that has great communication skills and is able to bridge the gap between the two governing bodies.

"First, we would like to have someone who has time to attend all the meetings," Moss said. "Another qualification is interest in developing dialog between the council and the student body."

Senate received only one application this year for the liaison position, but will continue with the process as if there were multiple applicants. DeBuysere, along with the recently

announced president and vice president of Student Senate, will review the application then proceed to an interview. If the interview is satisfactory, DeBuysere will recommend the student to the council at the April 23 meeting.

Upon the council's approval, the candidate will overtake the liaison position for a one-year term. DeBuysere said if the candidate fails to meet the qualifications of the position, the interviewers will "come up with a new plan of attack."

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So, you think your friend's an alcoholic?

CHRIS SCHOONOVER Assistant Sports Editor

How to tell if your friend is the life of the party or taking alcoholism to new heights

In college we are faced with difficult decisions every weekend. The most prevalent one is whether to drink or not to drink. You have the power to have a great time with your friends or take it to that next level that makes everyone uncomfortable and makes you hate yourself in the morning.

People that have a drinking problem usually do not know they have a drinking problem. It usually starts out with a drink on the porch after class, but ends with you fleeing from the Palms screaming "Don't taze me, bro!" as the cops chase you out of the door for getting to frisky with a bartender.

Society has a step in the development of alcoholism by making it look glamorous and socially acceptable. It's one thing to have an attractive member of the opposite sex buying you a shot or

two at the bar. It's another to have that person buying you a bottle of Burnett's and timing you to drink the whole thing. The good thing about drinking a bottle of Burnett's is knowing that some poor sap somewhere will not have to drink that concoction.

Obviously excessive drinking has negative physical effects on the human body. If someone wakes up with a slight headache, no big deal, it happens. If someone wakes up after a 13-day binge-drinking festival and says "I'd rather be a good liver than have one," they may need to get help.

Some people drink because they need to numb the pain, mental or physical. I understand people that do this, though. If you roll an ankle doin' the jerk at Molly's, you don't go sit in the corner and ice it. You're a playoff performer and no one puts Baby in the corner.

One of drinking's most unpopular side effects is mood swings. Alcohol has led to more crying girls than Justin Bieber and has a 30 percent larger effect on people falling off balconies than gravity.

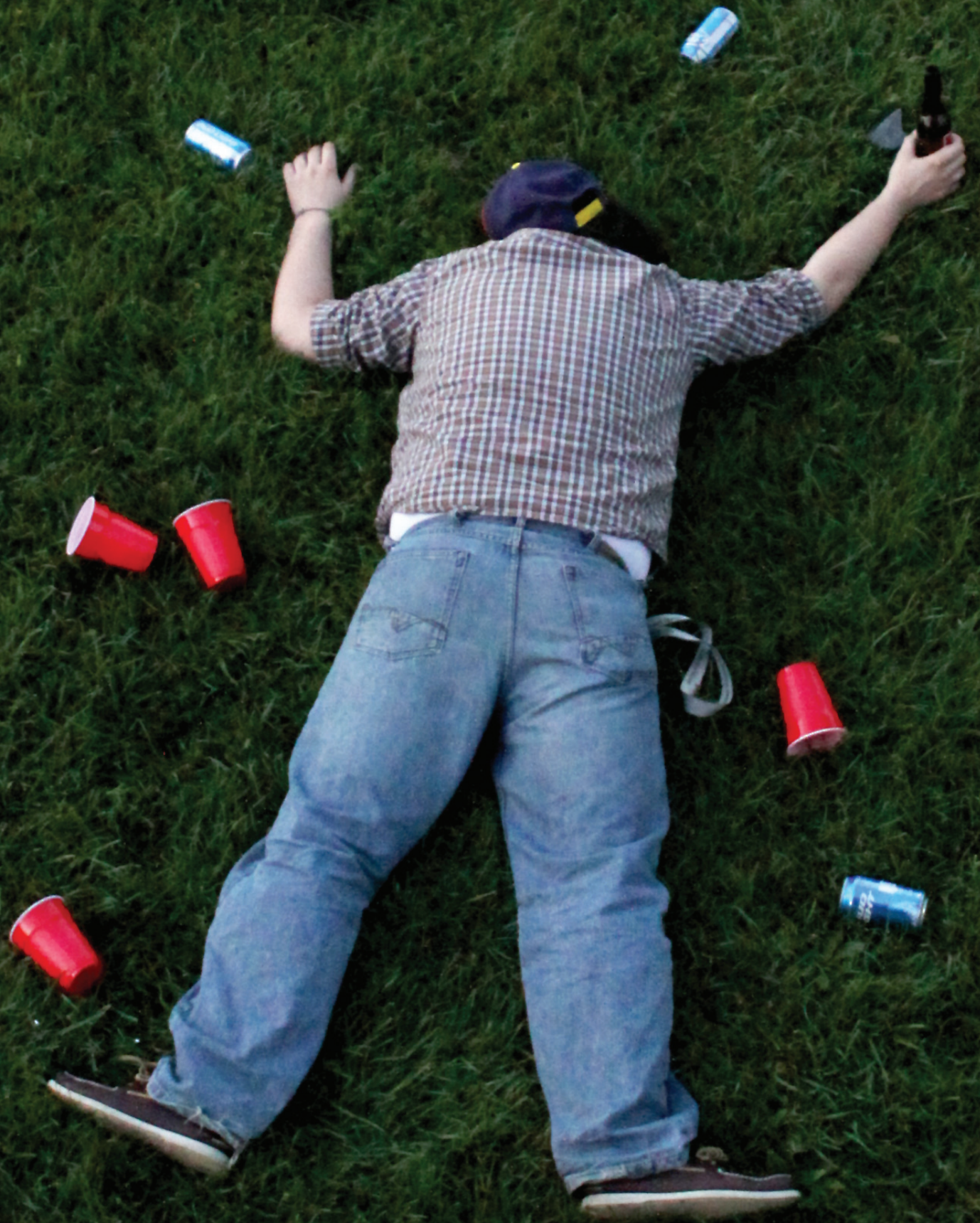
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Blacking out is another side effect of drinking. With over consumption people forget actions that have occurred the previous night. This creates distrust in a friendship because you always have the "Dude, I don't even remember making out with her," card in your back pocket. Honesty is a virtue.

Sixty-two percent of high school seniors have been drunk which has led to Twilight winning every MTV Movie Award; I remember my first beer.

Detoxing off alcohol, just like any other drug, is a slow, painful process. It takes counseling, medicine and a lot of family support. It's like going to Mo. West, but you actually learn things in rehab.

All joking aside, alcoholism is a serious disease that affects 14 million Americans, according to Alcohol Addiction Information and Hotline, and steps must be taken early to prevent further complications. If you or someone you know has a problem, talk to a family member or a trained professional to get help.



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POINT: SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS

Checkpoints inhibit rights

PHILIP GRUENWALD
Opinion Editor

Throughout April the Northwest University Police Department will station random sobriety checkpoints around campus. Their goal is noble: to reduce drunken driving on campus. Their means, however, draw criticism from those of us who deem sobriety checkpoints unconstitutional.

The crux of the sobriety checkpoints' unconstitutionality centers on the 4th Amendment. The text reads: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

Sobriety checkpoints cheat their way through the "unreasonable searches and seizures" clause by misleading terminology. When a motorist approaches a checkpoint, he or she is met by a police officer who is simply performing a "screen." The 4th Amendment makes no mention of screens, hence their legality.

If that officer detects drunken behavior or the scent of alcohol, the suspicious motorist is diverted to another police officer who runs tests for probable cause. We all know these tests from "COPS" reruns: saying the alphabet backwards, walking on a straight line and so on.

The semantics debate continues inside the courtroom. In the Michigan Supreme

"The 4th Amendment makes no mention of screens, hence their legality."

Philip Gruenwald

Court, the issue reached its boiling point in 1990 when Chief Justice Rehnquist testified simultaneously to the unconstitutionality of checkpoints and the need for their continued use. Rehnquist believed that the "minimal intrusion on individual liberties must be weighed" against case after case of alcohol-related road fatalities, according to an article by Michigan attorney Lawrence Taylor in 2006. In other words, he was willing to look beyond the unconstitutionality of the checkpoints to save lives.

Labeled as a "necessary evil," sobriety checkpoints are used in 38 states to delay traffic and unjustly infringe on the rights of motorists. They could possibly be effective in scaring drunks from getting behind the wheel, but they are equally effective in conveying unreasonable fear and mistrust in law-upholding motorists. It is a classic case of a safer end not justified by liberty-robbing means.

Sobriety checkpoints make defenders of individual liberty uneasy. They instill in us an Orwellian fear of unjust power in law enforcement. Police officers serving and protecting is fine and good, but the nature behind sobriety checkpoints feels more fascist than friendly.

COUNTERPOINT: SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS

We must stop drunk driving

TOM DRESSLAR
Missourian Reporter

Every day you hear on the news that someone has been killed or seriously injured as a result of drunken driving. When you hear this, you and your friends are appalled at the behavior of that particular drunken driver and vow you will never drink and get behind the wheel. Despite this familiar conversation, I see my classmates do just that weekend after weekend and rationalize it with the phrase, "it's only this one time." These sobriety checkpoints, while unpopular with most of the student body, will curb those who choose to make that potentially fatal choice.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, an average drunken driver has driven drunk 80 times before his first arrest. This means that drunken driving education and safe ride home programs have not adequately gotten the job done when it comes to stopping these people. The reality is that people who have been drinking, even if it's only a small amount, need to get back home somehow, and they don't want to leave their car in an unknown place overnight, so they make what seems like the most logical choice. The issue with that choice is they are unknowingly rolling the dice on not just their lives, but the lives of every other motorist on the road at that point in time. Northwest did their best to combat this issue with the Safe Ride program, but while it has helped reduce the amount of drunken drivers, it hasn't stopped most college students from getting behind the wheel anyway.

A common counter-argument is that

"In a college town... these checkpoints are needed now more than ever."

Tom Dresslar

these sobriety checkpoints are unfair and inconvenient for law-abiding citizens. I hope that the people of Maryville and the students here at Northwest are willing to give five minutes of their time to law enforcement officials if it means stopping the deaths of innocent people at the hands of drunken drivers. In a college town where binge drinking has become the norm on weekends, these checkpoints are needed now more than ever. According to the Center for Disease Control, at all levels of blood alcohol concentration, the risk of being involved in a crash is greater for young people than for older people. If we as students can't get our peers to put down the keys after a night of drinking, then it is up to our law enforcement to keep us accountable.

The people of Maryville have been kind enough to welcome incoming college students with open arms, and every time some kid gets drunk at a party and drives home, he is jeopardizing the lives of every citizen in this peaceful, little town. I don't believe it's too much to ask of us to live with these checkpoints for a few weeks or so if it means giving the families of Maryville and even our fellow Bearcats some peace of mind as the school year winds down.

CAMPUS TALK

Are sobriety checkpoints beneficial or unjust?



"I actually am from South Korea and the police always do that. So I have been wondering why police have not done that here before."

Ju Yeun Shin
Journalism



"It's a good idea because if you're under the influence of alcohol, nobody should be driving because that just puts people in danger. And if they crack down on it, people will just stop doing it."

Dillon Starzl
Math Education



"I don't drink, so me driving and getting pulled over for the sobriety checkpoint, I wouldn't be affected because I'd be sober, so it wouldn't be a big deal."

Kayla Hines
Finance



"It's a good idea because you're trying to stop people who potentially will be out there hurting somebody by being drunk and driving. And the innocent people are the ones who usually get hurt."

Brent Barnett
Broadcasting



"Because it's a dry campus anyway, it's a good idea. It's getting to the end of the year, and people are going to be drinking a lot and driving, which is stupid."

Natalie Gant
Management and Marketing

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AP IMAGES

Police officers screen drivers for signs of drunkenness at a sobriety checkpoint in Escondido, Calif., December 2011.

OUR VIEW: SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS

Responsibility crucial in checkpoint talks

Benjamin Franklin is attributed with the following quote: "They who would give up essential liberty to obtain temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." When it comes to sobriety checkpoints, it's easy to take this stance. On the other hand, a little more "temporary safety" could have quelled some of the horrors of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

This middle ground is where The Northwest Missourian staff resides as a whole. We want to have the freedom to drive uninterrupted through campus and elsewhere, without fear of the hassle and somewhat unreasonable "search and seizure" involved in sobriety checkpoints. They teach us to avoid and be afraid of law en-

forcement, which pull over innocent (until proven guilty) citizens in pursuit of a few miscreants.

Then the story of Abby Cockrill comes to mind. Cockrill was a Northwest student who was killed in August 2010 by a drunken driver. Granted, the crash happened on I-29, not on campus, but county police officers could have diverted traffic off of the highway and through a sobriety checkpoint, thereby stopping the drunken driver before he got too far.

Ultimately, the burden of responsibility falls on you. The University Police Department would not enforce these checkpoints if there was no suspicion of drunken driving on campus. If the Bearcat nightlife crowd all used designated

drivers, Safe Ride or the Christian Campus House's new, social media friendly Maryville DD @cchswag-wag, there would be no reason to crack down on drunken driving because it would not exist.

Be smart about partying. Figure out a way to get where you need to go without "tipsy driving." Even though Maryville is small and getting from one house to the other seems like a quick drive, a lot can happen in a few blocks. It could end up being the longest drive of your life.

Only the innocent can lay blame on one side or the other. Once you have removed yourself from the problem, you are free to enter the liberty vs. safety debate about sobriety checkpoints.

RELIGIOUS COLUMN:

The value of church attendance besides major religious holidays

REV. DAVE ODDI
Hope Lutheran Church

For many people, even for some who claim to be Christians, church attendance is looked upon as something you need to do only for those special occasions or "rites of passage," and there is nothing else that you need from the church. The only time church is thought of is when there is the need to baptize, marry and bury.

Part of the reason for this is the prevalence of electronic media. I love all of the information that is at my fingertips from electronic media. There are programs that I listen to almost every day that give me great information and are very inspirational. Programs like those are also important for people who cannot make it to church, either because of illness or because of distance and lack of transportation. But for the majority of us, these should not be our sole source of feeding on God's word.

The writer to the Hebrews wrote in Hebrews 10:24-25, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Attendance in many churches swelled this past Sunday because it was Easter. But it will drop back to its usual level next week. People have gotten their church booster shot and will now be good until Christmas. Many say that going

to church does not make them a Christian any more than going into a garage makes them a car, and that they can easily commune with God on the golf course, while out on a run or while working in their gardens. But if we are honest with ourselves, we know that while we are doing those things we are not thinking of God, we are occupied with the task before us.

Also, we must remember that although God is with us no matter where we are, he promises to come to us with his special gifts of blessings when we come together with one another as his body, the Church. Jesus said in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them." We are fed as we come together and sing hymns of praise, hear God's word read and proclaimed and receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper. We are strengthened as we have a relationship with one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and have a pastor who knows our struggles and cares about us and serves us in Jesus' name as he is called to do. We cannot do this for ourselves; we cannot do this over the Internet, radio or television.

We live in a world where there are so many things for us to do, and they cry out to us for our attention. But our need to be fed on God's word of forgiveness, salvation and life, in God's house together with our brothers and sisters in Christ, is more critical than all of the rest. Let us not give up meeting together.

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LIGHT UP THE NIGHT



KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Tuff Wimberly shields his candle from the wind during Up ‘Til Dawn’s Light Up The Night on Monday. Students walked from Colden Pond and to the Bell Tower. A father of a Northwest freshman talked to the students about how much St. Jude hospital has helped his son fight cancer. The chapter raised over \$17 thousand.

SAFETY
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is have our number programmed into their student’s phone, and if they are feeling like they are being chased or apprehensive, call us.”


Beginning in the fall 2012 semester, Green, along with other members of the University Police Department in conjunction with their marketing team, will start spreading the message about cellphone safety at seminars and on fliers around campus. Despite the initial hesitation from students and parents, Green says this looks to be the most effective tool for student safety in the future.

“I think if we can reassure everyone that student safety is paramount and that we do everything we can to look at new ways to be creative and innovative keeping that in mind,” Green said. “I think we are always making changes in safety oriented ways, and we just have to really work hard to market and let students know that the 1254 on their cellphone is the best way to reach us in an emergency situation.”

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SYMPHONY
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department that Northwest received this invitation. Northwest was one of 10 musical ensembles from the United States to receive this invitation.

According to Nick Thompson, a senior instrumental music education major, the invitation to perform at such a prestigious competition is one that would have given the Northwest music department global recognition.

“Personally, I was most looking forward to the opportunity to perform in Athens,” Thompson said. “Since I have been in the Wind Symphony, and as far as I am aware, in the history of our music department, there has been no other comparable opportunity offered to any of our students or ensembles.

“I was very disappointed when the trip was cancelled because it was such a great opportunity for the Wind Symphony, and because, as a senior, this is my last semester in the Wind Symphony, so I will not be a part of any future opportunities.”

The ISME hosts world conferences every two years and may hold regional conferences in between these, according to ISME.org. The Greek Society for Music Education is the sponsor for this year’s conference for Music Education.

TORNADO
CONTINUED FROM **A3**

vere weather situations.

“It’s scary to think that it takes a tragedy like Joplin to remind people that these storms can be seriously dangerous,” junior Megan Stagner said.

Research done by the NWS revealed just how little current warning signals affect peoples’ reactions.

“The NWS) accesses how effective warnings are,” Bailey said. “We found that it takes people three or four risk factors before they will seek shelter; only one is the warning.”

The new warnings will include more descriptive words to describe the magnitude of the storm, such as “catastrophic” and “unsurvivable,” according to the Associated Press. Bailey said the NWS’ goal is to make warnings more effective in persuading people to take shelter when they need to do so.

“During the summer it isn’t rare to hear the sirens go off a few times in a week,” Stagner said. “Sometimes people will just stand outside and watch for a tornado. I guess you just get so used to it that it doesn’t affect you like it should.”

The experiment of the new warning will continue through the end of November, and changes that need to be made will occur over the winter months. Another round of testing will take place in 2013.

Police Blotter: Maryville Department of Public Safety & the Nodaway County Sheriff’s Department

Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

April 8
Andrew B. Chamberlin, 24, Maryville, Mo., was charged with permitting peace disturbance, false information to a public safety officer, resisting arrest and failure to comply, Bradley M. Long, 20, Savannah, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and permitting peace disturbance, and Cree A. Slough, 20, Maryville, Mo., Zachary B. Powelson, 21, Maryville, Mo., and Shalan E. Neal, 21, St. Joseph, Mo., were charged with peace disturbance at 200 block Park Avenue.

April 7
Brandon T. Crowley, 19, Weston, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 300 block North Market.

Christopher J. Rodgers, 20, Kansas City, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 300 block North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation of disorderly conduct at 1600 block South Main.

April 6
Rachel M. Williams, 18, Blue Springs, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and under 19 in a bar and Ceia L. Maneman, 19, Omaha, Neb., was charged with minor in possession at 400 block North Buchanan.

Andrew J. Hansen, 20, Liberty, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and minor in possession at 300 block North Main.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 1000 block Oak Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 100 block East Third Street.

An accident occurred between Jeri J. Hill, Red Oak, Iowa, and Joseph C. Frueh, 19, Pickering, Mo., at 400 block West Fourth Street. Hill was issued a citation for failure to yield.

April 5
Jason R. Jozaites, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with possession of another’s driver’s license at 200 block East Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 600 block East Seventh Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 1100 block North College Drive.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 200 block West Third Street.

Billy E. Hager, 51, Maryville, Mo., was charged with a city code violation at 200 block South Mulberry.

April 4
An accident occurred between Clarence L. Heideman, 60, Hopkins, Mo., and Tanya M. Dreher, 22, Maryville, Mo., at 1200 block South Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 300 block South Buchanan.

Richard E. Chance, 36, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended at 100 block West Second Street.

April 3
There is an ongoing investigation

of larceny at 500 block West Ninth Street.

Richard W. Sommerfield, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated at 100 block West South Avenue.

April 2
There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at 200 block East Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of tampering with a motor vehicle at 300 block South Alco.

April 1
An accident occurred between Ann Lovett, 61, Maryville, Mo., and Tara R. Miller, 19, St. Charles, Iowa, at 1200 block South Main.

An accident occurred between Ryan E. Twellman, 23, Maryville, Mo., and Coby L. Langford, 32, Skidmore, Mo., at 800 block East First Street.

Jordan J. Zech, 17, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 1600 block East First Street.

Randi S. Jackson, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 100 block East First Street.

Tate J. Regan, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 100 block East First Street.

March 31
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 1100 block North College Drive.

An accident occurred between Kaylee A. Flood, 20, Maryville, Mo., and a vehicle owned by Samantha J. Mott, Maryville, Mo., at 100 block West Sixth Street. Flood was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

An accident occurred between Travis L. Cochenour, 23, Maryville, Mo., and Madison K. Hagey, 17, Burlington Junction, Mo., at South Main and East Cooper. Cochenour was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Jeremy M. Butler, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 400 block West Fourth Street.

Derek J. Barr, 22, Maryville, Mo., and Brian C. Lee, 39, Des Moines, Iowa, were charged with disorderly conduct at 1400 block East Third Street.

A bicycle was recovered on 200 block East Third Street.

Willie E. Williams III, 18, Independence, Mo., and Deshuan N. Cooper, 20, St. Louis, Mo., were charged with possession of marijuana at 1100 block North College Drive.

March 30
There is an ongoing investigation of identity theft at 200 block East Third Street.

An accident occurred between Bryan G. Williams, 23, Maryville, Mo., and a vehicle owned by Marcha L. Anderson, Maryville, Mo., at 700 block Franklin Place.

March 29
An accident occurred between Lucas C. Johnson, 22, Miami, Mo., and a vehicle owned by Mark W. Blackford, Maryville, Mo., at 300 block West Seventh Street. Johnson was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an

accident.

March 28
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 100 block North Main.

An accident occurred between Sharon D. Farrns, 65, Blockton, Iowa, and a vehicle owned by Kathy M. Wallace, Maryville, Mo., at 1600 block North Clayton.

An accident occurred between Rebecca L. Dalbey, 60, Burlington Junction, Mo., and Linda G. Jones, 54, Maryville, Mo., at 1800 block South Main. Dalbey was issued a citation for failure to yield and Jones was issued a citation for no valid driver’s license.

March 27
Josue G. Verona Jr., 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with contempt of court at 400 block North Market.

An accident occurred between Robert L. Cooper, 68, Maryville, Mo., and Melissa L. Mincy, 31, Maryville, Mo., at 100 block East Fourth Street.

March 26
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 100 block Park Avenue.

Blotter from Nodaway County Sheriff’s Department

April 2
A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that her license plate has gone missing.

A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that someone had been sending him fraudulent bills for an account that was not his.

March 31
Sean C. Schmidt, 37, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for distribution of a controlled substance in or near a park, distribution or attempt to or possession with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, and attempted theft of anhydrous ammonia or liquid nitrogen.

A Burlington Junction, Mo. subject reported that someone had tampered with his or her vehicle.

Harold J. Coates III, 22, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for robbery second degree.

March 30
A Skidmore, Mo. subject reported that someone had trespassed onto his or her property and was firing shots from a gun.

March 29
A Burlington Junction, Mo. subject reported that someone had tampered with his or her property.

Todd C. Haynes, 30, Hannibal, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for stealing \$500.00 or more in value.

A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that his local business had been broken into and several items were stolen.

Tyler L. Harper, 18, Skidmore, Mo., was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

March 28
Mark A. Sullivan, West Frankfort, Ill., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for stealing \$25,000 or more in value.

Tabitha L. Lebow, 29, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for eight counts of passing bad checks \$500.00 or more in value.

March 27
Jared Carter, 33, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for financial exploitation of elderly/disabled person.

An Elmo, Mo. subject reported that someone had stolen money from his home.

A Clyde, Mo. subject reported that someone has been fraudulently charging things on her credit/debit device.

Tarl D. Williams, 26, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for operating motor vehicle on highway while driver’s license revoked.

Rick L. Stanton, 51, Skidmore, Mo., was issued a summons for littering.

March 26
Mary A. Stanton, 50, Skidmore, Mo., was issued a summons for peace disturbance.

Teresa A. Stanton, 31, Skidmore, Mo., was issued a summons for peace disturbance.

March 24
Jerrod B. King, 33, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on two Nodaway County warrants. The first was for felonious restraint and the second was for burglary first degree.

Justin C. Ballard, 23, Lake Lotawana, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for assault third degree.

March 23
Justin C. Ballard, 23, Lake Lotawana, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

A Pickering, Mo. subject reported that someone had stolen things from his property.

A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that someone has taken his or her vehicle and will not return it.

Kyle C. Guymon, 19, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for stealing \$500.00 or less in value.

Nathaniel L. Romick-Sleep, 20, Council Bluffs, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for stealing \$500.00 or more.

Shealeigh D. Lambright, 20, Maitland, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for eight counts of passing bad checks \$500.00 or more.

John E. Renick, 24, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and civil detox.

March 22
A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that someone had done property damage to a building he owns in Hopkins, Mo., by breaking out multiple windows and lights and pulling down guttering from the roofing.

March 21
Nodaway County Sheriff’s Office reported to Stanberry, Mo. in reference to domestic assault. After

further investigation, Sidney L. Carr, 51, Stanberry, Mo., was arrested for domestic assault 2nd degree and was later released on a summons.

March 20
A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that someone had done property damage to her vehicle by breaking out the passenger window.

March 19
A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that someone had stolen items from his vehicle.

A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that someone had stolen items from her vehicle.

Keaton R. Osthoff, 20, Clarinda, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for three counts of possession of methamphetamine precursor drug with intent.

Steven S. Cyr, 28, Harrisonville, Mo., wa arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for tampering with motor vehicle 1st degree.

March 18
A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that two individuals were breaking into his vehicle. After further investigation Jack P. Cameron, 21, Maryville, Mo., and Houston C. Schooler, 23, Springfield, Mo., were arrested for tampering 2nd degree.

A Skidmore, Mo. subject reported that someone had done property damage to his business by striking the front door resulting in a broken window.

A Barnard, Mo. subject reported that someone had done property damage to his vehicle by busting out the back window.

March 17
A Skidmore, Mo. subject reported that someone had stolen one of his newborn calves.

A Conception Junction, Mo. subject reported that someone had done property damage to his mailbox.

March 16
A Parnell, Mo. subject reported that someone had done damage to their property by shooting paint balls at their windows, resulting in broken windows.

March 15
A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that someone had broken into their vehicle and stole items.

March 12
Bryson W. Allen, 17, Pickering, Mo., was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

March 11
Nodaway County Sheriff’s Office responded to Guilford, Mo., for a one vehicle accident.

March 10
Tyler V. Peve, 18, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for diving while intoxicated and following another vehicle too closely.

William J. Mathias Jr., 19, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested for minor visibly intoxicated and littering.

March 8
Nodaway County Sheriff’s office assisted Maryville Public Safety in the arrest of a Maryville, Mo. subject.

WHAT'S HOT

Texts from Hillary

Hillary Clinton is receiving a surprising amount of free PR thanks to the website Texts from Hillary. The site, which uses pictures of the sunglasses-wearing secretary of state texting everyone from Barack Obama, Meryl Streep and Ryan Gosling, has blown up on the Internet.

Rick Santorum suspends

Former Republican Sen. Rick Santorum announced Tuesday he was suspending his presidential campaign. Santorum claims he made the decision because of his daughter's second health scare this year. With Santorum out of the way, there is a clear path for Mitt Romney to secure the Republican candidate nomination.

WHAT'S NOT

Facebook buying Instagram

Facebook paid \$1 billion this week to acquire the popular phone application, Instagram. Now that it is on Facebook, 14-year-old girls everywhere can use the app to create professional quality photos of themselves flashing a peace sign in the bathroom mirror with their favorite Justin Bieber lyrics along the edges.

New Lay's chip flavors

Lay's has announced Tuesday yet another new flavor of potato chip, BLT. At a certain point a company is just trying too hard to provide new products for their customers, and with the BLT chip, Lays passes that point. There is such a thing as trying too hard, remember that for next time Lays.

THE STROLLER: Your man envies men who exercise shirtless

Something happened last week that really made me doubt my masculinity. No, it wasn't the realization that I forgot to watch all the MLB preseason games (call me when they legalize steroids, otherwise-booooring). Nope, it wasn't that a smiley, bright-eyed, young philly beckoned me into the theaters to see "The Hunger Games." And I absolutely did not create a Twitter account, hashtag #thisistheonlywayicanexpressmythoughts.

I saw a muscular, tanned, Nordic-looking guy jogging effortlessly through campus. And as I beheld his golden, wavy locks, his effortlessly smug mug, and his taut, sinewy biceps glistening with the moist vapor of sweat (unless it was pure testosterone), I felt inferior. Gentlemen, there is nothing more emasculating than seeing perfectly sculpted flesh of any gender and knowing that A) you will never sleep with it, or B) you will never look at all like it. Those "dining establishments" located beneath the J.W. Jones Student Union seem determined to keep that second one a reality. Maybe the first one too, for all I know.

After strolling for nearly 100

years I've seen more skin than anyone else this side of a Turkish prison. What's the big deal, honestly? So he's got pectorals that would make Clark Kent do a double-take. Yeah, his jawline has been perfected after generations of WASP blood running through his cholesterol-free veins. But besides effortless good looks and undoubtedly, lady-killing prowess, what does he have that I don't?

No, I'm not going to take this lying down (even though those magical, East Asian, fat-burning pills told me that's okay). It's time to take charge. I suppose it would be easy if I just put heavy sunglasses on or walked through campus with my eyes closed, but I believe it was Gandhi (or maybe Yoda) who once said, "There are no shortcuts to any place worth going, you lazy sack of crap."

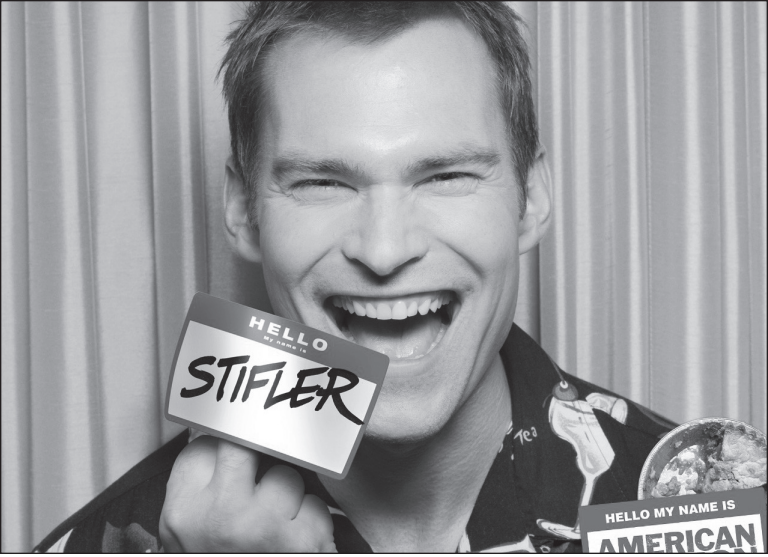
Now I really must go. If you need me, I'll be in the Rec Center or Fitness Center or whatever (I don't even know what it's called. Maybe concrete sweat prison?) trying to look like I didn't just roll off of a three-year "Call of Duty" spree.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.



MALECELEBNEWS.COM

Your man describes his hate and some-what envy for muscular men who jog shirtless, like Matthew McConaughey (shown above).



ENTERTAINMENTWALLPAPER.COM

Sean William Scott picks up his former role as Stifler in the 'American Pie' sequel, "American Reunion."

'American Reunion' keeps same lude, crude humor

ERIC MIZENER

Missourian Reporter

In many ways, "American Reunion" is like getting back with an ex after several years of being apart and dating other people. You try to ignore the other relationships, or bad spinoffs, that took place during the separation, ("Naked Mile," "Beta House") and you decide to try things again, remembering the good times and forgetting the bad. Just like in a real relationship, you'll quickly find out that things in this new American Pie movie don't change all that much, even with the time away.

The story picks up about a decade after "American Wedding." The cast from the 1999 original "American Pie" returns to celebrate their high school reunion in East Great Falls. Despite growing older, the crew discovers that it is easy to fall back into old habits and adolescent shenanigans. This is what makes "American Reunion" unapologetically vintage in its material. The jokes haven't changed, and subtle references to the '90s will go unnoticed to younger audiences and those unfamiliar with the series. "American Reunion" is a fan service to fans of the classic American Pie movies. It's classically unrefined.

This also means the characters remain relatively unchanged despite growing older. Jason Biggs ("My Best Friend's Girl") and Se-

ann William Scott ("Role Models") revive their roles as Jim and Stifler and are easily the most enjoyable and entertaining throughout the movie.

Relationships and romances that were left untouched and unfinished in the past pick back up and help to provide more story and closure to some of the other returning characters. This is another example of the fan service that "American Reunion" delivers to those who are fans of the past movies.

"American Reunion" is easy to recommend to fans of the series. The jokes that made you laugh a decade ago may make you raise an eyebrow now, but the characters are just as loveable as ever. The story of this reunion is heartwarming and a reminder of how much you can miss someone when they are missing from your life. Newcomers to the series may not understand much of what goes on, and they will leave considerably less satisfied than a dedicated fan. That shouldn't come as a surprise. This is a reunion after all.



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27 Wood-dressing tool
29 Uncomfortable airline inconvenience
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35 With 1-Down, discoverer of cave treasure
36 Island ring
37 Salon polish target
39 Flippable card file
43 Mag. edition
44 Father's Day mo. in Australia
45 Congenial
46 Wearing airline inconvenience
51 Lawn strip
52 Moonfish
53 Lumberjack's tool
54 Subj. with x's
56 Faraway
59 Paid no attention to
63 Roam (about)
64 Excruciating airline inconvenience (the last straw!)
66 Due-in hr.
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68 Clickable image
69 Not optional: Abbr.
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71 "____ la vie"
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7 Mil. branch
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10 Giga- x 1,000
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13 Papa Smurf's headgear
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22 Sight
25 "More than I need to know!"
27 Suited
28 Scooby-____
30 Mrs. Gorbachev
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34 Jumping chess piece
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By Steven J. St. John

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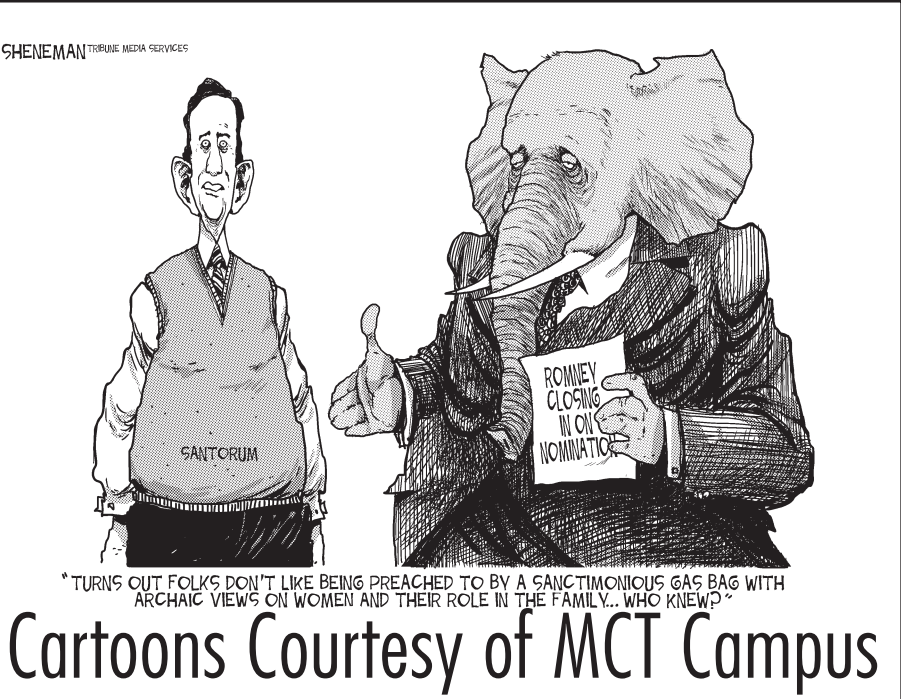
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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (04/12/12). Your career booms over the first half of this year, moving you up a level. Store some for later, despite all those temptations to spend. A new era of renovation, upheaval and regeneration calls for new thinking and for a release of old limitations. You're surrounded by love. Grow it.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- A distant development is in your favor. Gain more than anticipated, and pay back a debt. Buy something that makes your work easier. Make long-term plans.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an

8 -- All the pieces are coming together for romance. Discover hidden resources when planning a project. Creativity blossoms as older tasks get completed.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Let someone else stir up trouble. Notice automatic reactions, and keep quiet. What are you really committed to? Remember home, family, friends and love. Grow them all.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Surprises at work could catch you off guard. Learn from an experienced mentor, especially all of those resource-conservation strategies that save money.

All's well that ends well.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- An amazing breakthrough in love develops spontaneously. And there's more money coming in! Count your lucky stars, and drink it in deeply. Journal to remember it later.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Messes can lead to improvements. Let a change occur naturally. You may receive more than you gave. It's okay to have abundance. Enjoy it, and share. You can handle it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 --

Dig and uncover surprises. You have the resources you need. A private contact in a big company is quite helpful. Write down your discoveries and share them.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Study and discover a treasure. Learn from friends who have plenty, as they can teach you a lot. Get in someone else's world, and you see that your view's not the only one.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Discover a brilliant financial insight. Another's generosity benefits you. Articulate it so you can share it with others. What comes around goes around.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Watch out for hidden surprises. Take advantage of excellent connections. Travel looks good, if you stick to your budget. Get out and make something happen.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 5 -- Find a quiet place to recharge your batteries, and get into a writing project. A friend's change of plans could affect you. Visualize your next investment.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- New opportunities open up for the future. Act today, even if it's just one tiny step. Study and learn with a partner or friend ... it's easier and more fun.

NORTHWEST BASEBALL



JASON LAWRENCE | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior pitcher Sean Brady slings a pitch toward home plate in the second game of Saturday’s double header against Missouri Western. Brady pitched six innings to pick up his first win of the season in the 11-1 victory.

SOFTBALL

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great double play to make two outs in that inning, and then we can’t finish it up. It’s tough to follow that up.”

Anderson said his team fighting back in both games was good, but finishing with wins is what the team needs.

“It’s great that, both games, we fight back to take the lead, but we still have to close it down on the other side,” Anderson said. “Especially when we’re giving outs. If the

pitcher is giving us outs, we’ve got to take advantage of it.”

The Jennies had a conference record of 2-10 heading into Monday’s games, giving Northwest a chance to get back into the MIAA race.

“If we took care of things (Monday), now we’re sitting decent in the conference,” Anderson said. “The teams we have yet to play are all above us. So it’s huge.”

The Bearcats are now 14-22 overall, sitting at eighth in the MIAA with a 4-10 conference record.

The Panthers entered Wednes-

day with a record of 26-15, winning three of their last four games.

Anderson said he did not know how Monday’s collapses would carry over into Wednesday’s games.

“We have to find out what we’re fighting for, find a reason that we’re playing and figure that out,” Anderson said. “We saw good things. We did good things and we played well, but we had some mental mistakes, and they cost us.”

Northwest will finish up its season series against Washburn with a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m. Friday at Bearcat Field.

SPRING

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that spring, there was no contact the first two practices; only eight practices were allowed to consist of tackling with three full scrimmages taking place as part of 15 practices across 34 days.

“The thing that I’ve been very pleased with from where we started to spring ball and now where we’re finishing is our physicalness on defense,” Dorrel said. “I’ve implemented some drills this year where we’re just flat-ass tackling in practice, and we’ve never done that here before.

“If you wanna be good on defense and you wanna be good tacklers... you gotta tackle. There’s some risks that come with that and we’ve never done that before, but we’re lining up three times a week and doing a tackling drill.”

The spring is also a good time for coaches to find their team leaders, which is something Dorrel has been doing since February by meeting with the seniors each month.

Players are also fighting for jobs even though there are more starters coming back this year.

“Last year it was a huge deal. We had to have (spring football) to find who was gonna start and who was gonna do this and do that,” Dorrel said. “This year it seems, at least on paper, a lot more starters, so we’re trying to shake out some backups. So from that standpoint, it varies from year to year.”

Now spring games are becoming moneymakers for athletic

departments. In 2010 almost 1.5 million people attended spring games, some paying as much as \$15 to witness the glorified scrimmage. Nebraska drew 77,936 people and made \$500,000 from tickets, parking, concessions and merchandise sold during the spring game.

Northwest also got in on the action last year, charging \$4 for admission or the donation of a canned good for students. The Green and White Game drew 1,500 people and raised money to cover some of the costs of bringing Eastern New Mexico State to campus to make up for Nebraska-Omaha ceasing to have a football program.

This year, tickets will cost \$5 or a canned good donation.

However, the Bearcats almost did not have a spring game due to lacking depth at key positions, most notably at defensive line.

“I’m super excited about how we’re doing it this year,” Dorrel said. “We didn’t think we were gonna be able to do a traditional spring game, and coach (Rich) Wright had a great idea because we’re down on d-linemen. We’re gonna have a white team, a green team and then you’re gonna have guys in black jerseys, and those guys in black jerseys are going both ways.”

With the new format, the spring game kicks off at 5 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Stadium.

“For the spring game, I want to No. 1 stay healthy and then just see guys compete,” Dorrel said. “And see what guys do when you put some butts in the stands, turn the lights on and get the announcer going because it really feels like a game-type atmosphere, so we treat it as such.”

KELLOGG

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“Obviously you hear about the football team quite a bit, and the basketball team had a very successful year, and a year ago the women’s team had a great year,” Kellogg said. “There’s a difference here as far as the culture is concerned around athletics. We got up here and it’s a beautiful campus. It’s also in a great location as far as being located near the Kansas City, Omaha and Des Moines areas to recruit from.”

Kellogg may be limited in his first recruiting class due to being hired just 24 hours before the deadline.

“Obviously we are in that period

that we need to get going quick, so that’s what we are going to be doing the next day and next few weeks,” Kellogg said.

With a team full of new faces and a new environment, Kellogg’s goals and high expectations remain the same.

“My expectations stay the same,” Kellogg said. “Whether we can achieve them or not, I don’t know. I want the goal to be there, to do those things. Is it probably going to be a little difficult the first year? Probably, but I don’t know that. I’m not going to concede anything or be OK with winning eight or six games. Let’s strive for what we can and put these pieces together and have a much better idea in September.”

TRACK

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were also grouped with Wilmarth and junior Baylee Scarbrough on the second place 4x400-meter relay team.

Junior Jessica Pfof was the only member of the team that placed in a field event, taking second in discus.

“These injuries are going to be

long term, so we are going to have to figure out where the other girls fit the best for us to be successful,” Holt said.

The Spoofhounds return to the track for the Smithville Relays at 3:30 p.m. in Smithville.

“Our main goal is to just keep improving and not go backwards, and then the chips will fall where they are supposed to come tournament time,” Holt said.

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NW BASEBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.....	29-5	24-4
Emporia State.....	20-10	15-7
Mo. Western.....	21-11	14-8
Washburn.....	17-13	13-10
Mo. Southern.....	21-14	14-13
Fort Hays.....	15-16	13-13
Southwest Baptist.....	16-17-1	11-13
NORTHWEST.....	11-22	10-14
Pitt. State.....	11-19	9-14
Truman.....	10-22	9-19
Lincoln (Mo.).....	3-28	3-20

April 13:
NORTHWEST at S.W. Baptist
Lindenwood at Central Mo.
Lincoln (Mo.) at Washburn
Emporia St. at Mo. Southern
Truman at Fort Hays

MHS BASEBALL

MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Savannah.....	5-1	2-0
Benton.....	5-1	2-1
Smithville.....	2-0	0-0
Cameron.....	0-0	0-0
Lafayette.....	0-0	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	1-1	0-0
Chillicothe.....	2-3	1-2
LeBlond.....	4-1	0-1

April 12:
Savannah at MARYVILLE
Cameron at Chillicothe
LeBlond at Benton
April 16:
MARYVILLE at South Nodaway

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Emporia St.....	27-7	18-0
Mo. Western.....	33-6	16-2
Pitt. State.....	24-21	8-4
Fort Hays.....	23-15	7-5
Washburn.....	14-18	5-7
Mo. Southern.....	13-28	4-8
Central Mo.....	19-24	4-10
NORTHWEST.....	14-24	4-10
Southwest Baptist.....	12-24	4-10
Lincoln (Mo.).....	11-27	3-9
Truman.....	19-24	3-11

April 12:
St. Mary’s (Tex.) at Emporia St.
April 13:
Fort Hays at Truman
Pitt. State at S.W. Baptist
Washburn at NORTHWEST
Lindenwood at Mo. Western

MHS GIRLS’ SOCCER

MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
LeBlond.....	4-2	4-0
Smithville.....	6-0	3-0
Chillicothe.....	2-3	1-1
Maryville.....	2-0	0-0
Cameron.....	2-3	0-0
Lafayette.....	0-1	0-0
Savannah.....	1-6	0-4
Benton.....	0-6	0-5

April 12:
MARYVILLE at KC Northeast
April 16:
LeBlond at Central
Cameron at Chillicothe

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ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior pitcher Josh Parrish rears back to fire a pitch against Missouri Western in Saturday's double header. The Bearcats and Griffons split the four game series.

Offensive explosion comes up just short

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Assistant Sports Editor

After an up and down weekend, the Bearcats and their potent offense look to turn things around against Southwest Baptist.

The 'Cats split both double headers with Missouri Western on Saturday and Sunday but managed to score 29 runs in the four games.

Tuesday afternoon Northwest once again brought their big bats against Rockhurst but found themselves in a 7-3 hole to start the third inning.

The Hawks kept pouring it on and found themselves up 10-5 in the fourth inning.

The Bearcats would respond in the eighth inning with four runs to slim the lead down to 13-9 with one more at bat to go.

"We were playing from behind early, and the pitching and defense didn't show up early, so we dug ourselves into a hole," head coach Darin Loe said.

Rockhurst banged in two more runs to seal the win in the top of the ninth.

At the plate, Northwest was led by junior outfielder Jake Kretzer who finished 4-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI.

Kretzer replaced starting left fielder Tyler Durant in the second inning after Durant hurt his shoulder diving for a ball.

"Jake is a good hitter, and he's been struggling at the plate a little bit," Loe said. "Today was a big day and we kind of got him going again. Hopefully he can ride this for the rest of the season and keep it rolling."

Sophomore outfielder Ryan Abernathy went 2-for-5 at the

plate and drove in three runs for Northwest.

Junior Nathaniel Horton was credited with the loss on the mound after giving up six runs in 1.1 innings of work.

With the regular starting pitchers resting from the weekend, Loe reached into his bullpen for life, and seven different pitchers took the mound.

"We have our four weekend guys, and they were obviously out today," Loe said. "We needed to identify a couple more arms that could come out and throw on the weekends, and I think we did."

While the offense was on point with 13 hits and 10 runs, the defense faltered, committing five errors.

"Obviously, our pitching and defense need to be better," Loe said. "We don't want to have to go out and score 10 or 15 runs a game. When we pitch well and play good defense we are a good ball club. You didn't see it today, though."

After dropping three out of their last five home games, the 'Cats hope that their defense and pitching can catch up with their offense on the road.

"The errors that we had were not necessarily hard hit balls, and we have to clean up those things and be ready to go on Friday," Loe said.

"We'll go on the road for a couple more series, but we got a couple more series at home too. We got eight on the road and eight at home, so we have to play well at home and on the road if we want to make a run at the conference in the last month of the season."

The Bearcats return to the diamond at 1 p.m. tomorrow in Bolivar against Southwest Baptist.

Golf takes back-to-back tournaments

JASON LAWRENCE
Sports Editor

The Northwest golf team rewrote the top of its record books at the Avila Spring Invitational Monday and Tuesday.

The women shot a two-day, 36-hole total of 647, the best in program history, behind a pair of the program's top five 18-hole rounds.

"I think the 324 was our third-best 18-hole score in school history (Monday). The 323 is our second-best ever, and they were just so focused this weekend," head coach Pat McLaughlin said. "I think it was just a matter of staying focused and staying consistent, which is what we've really been working on this spring."

Northwest finished 15 strokes ahead of MIAA foe Missouri Western, pulling away on the second day of the tournament after only leading by one stroke after Monday's first round.

Sophomore Cassie Lowell kept up her strong spring season, winning her first tournament of the spring after taking medalist honors at two tournaments during the fall season.

Lowell shot 76 both days to finish with a career-best 152. She has finished in the top 10 of every tournament she has played in this season.

Freshman Steph Charteris shot a two-day total of 158 to finish second.

"Both of these girls have played basically one and two for us all year," McLaughlin said. "They're good friends. They kind of feed off each other, and the competition between them has made them even better. Their stroke averages are very, very close. Their qualification scores are very, very close, but it's exciting to see them go out and compete because they are so competitive."

Charteris has finished in the top 10 of all 10 tournaments this

season.

"She ought to win MIAA Player of the Year; she's been playing really, really well for us this year," McLaughlin said.

Sophomore Kristina D'Angela finished fourth after shooting back-to-back 81s.

Freshmen Jacy Gasper and Taylor Gard rounded out the Bearcats' scoring, shooting 178 a piece to tie for 17th at Avila.

The women have now won back-to-back meets and have not finished lower than fourth this spring, giving them momentum going into the MIAA Championships April 16-17 to close out the season.

"We're optimistic for next week, but at the same time we know we've got a lot of work cut out for us," McLaughlin said. "The other teams in the MIAA, while they recognize how far we've come, are certainly not gonna lay down and let us walk off the course with anything without working for it."

Seventh inning struggle

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

After opening its long home stand with two wins, the Northwest softball team failed to cap off what could have been a series victory Monday.

The Bearcats were swept in two games by Central Missouri after entering the seventh inning with the lead in both.

Game one started with a three-run lead for the Jennies before Northwest came back with a four-run third inning to steal the lead.

The 'Cats held the lead until the top of the seventh when UCM put up three runs to take the game, 6-4.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior shortstop Rachael Schmitz slaps the ball into the outfield during Monday's game against University of Central Missouri. The Bearcats dropped both games.

Northwest head coach Ryan Anderson said some of the emotion from the end of the first game carried over into the second.

"It seemed like we kind of sprung back and started swinging the bats," Anderson said.

Game two was the same story

for the Bearcats. They took an 8-5 lead into the seventh only to give up three runs, all coming with two outs in the inning.

"We had a chance to make outs," Anderson said. "We make a

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Sprints, relays lead boys’ track to victory

JASON KRAFT
Missourian Reporter

Head coach Chris Holt and the Maryville track team left Northwest encouraged with the results on both sides.

The boys took in first place with 167.50 points. Platte County finished 61 points behind but was the only other team to break 100 with 106.50.

“We let everybody run today, so we didn’t double up people as much as we normally do,” Holt said. “Overall, we were very happy with what they did out there today.”

Senior Shawn Scheffe led the way for the Maryville sprinters, placing first in the 400-meter sprint and second in the 100 and 200-meter sprints.

He also ran the final leg of the first-place-finishing 4x400-meter relay team, joining junior Derek Steins and seniors Chris Holtman and Ryan Vandivert.

Vandivert along with seniors Damon Goodall, Ty Haddock, and Dakota Carmichael led Maryville

to their other relay victory in the 4x800.

Steins also finished in sole possession of first place in the pole vault.

Junior Peyton Mizera experienced some success in field events as well. He placed third in both long jump and triple jump.

Mizera was also a part of the 110-meter hurdles trio that swept first, second and third.

Mizera placed second while junior Treyton Burch took first and Holtman finished third.

Holtman and Burch switched positions in the 300-meter hurdles.

Despite the absence of three members of the team, the Lady 'Hounds earned fourth place and finished just 11 points behind meet champion Park Hill South.

“We were very short-handed on the girls side, which really hurt us in both individual scoring and the configuration of our relay teams,” Holt said.

The most notable absence was senior Holly Wilmarth in the hurdles, an event she has medaled in



KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Juniors Peyton Mizera and Treyton Burch and senior Chris Holtman clear the hurdles in unison during the 110-meter hurdles Tuesday. Burch won the event with Mizera and Holtman taking second and third for the Spoofhounds.

at the state meet the past two years.

Junior Makalia Wallace led the way for Maryville. She finished in first in the 200-meter sprint and narrowly missed a second first-

place finish in the 100-meter sprint and took second. She also ran the anchor leg in the 4x200-meter relay.

The rest of the team included

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Tennis shakes off rust to grab victory

CRAIG SIMS
Missourian Reporter

The Spoofhound tennis team went undefeated in singles play en route to an 8-1 victory over Shenandoah (Iowa) Tuesday at the Northwest High Rise Courts.

The singles matches featured No. 1 senior Tyler Walter claiming an 8-4 win over Shenandoah’s Jacob Holmes, while No. 2 senior Eric Bostwick defeated his opponent, Trent Turney, 8-5.

Walter and Bostwick are the only returning seniors on an otherwise young 'Hounds varsity tennis team that features three sophomores and one junior.

“They are good leaders who enjoy the sport,” head coach Hannah Erspamer said. “They are always helping the younger guys, and they continue trying to learn and get better also.”

Maryville’s No. 3, sophomore Ian Macali, defeated Bradley Young 8-3.

No. 4 sophomore Ben Geocken, No. 5 sophomore Chris Dougan, and No. 6 junior Boston Schneider all earned decisive victories in singles action by the score of 8-2.

In doubles action, Walter and Bostwick won 8-2 over Holmes and Turney.

Dougan and Schneider teamed up to get the 8-3 win over Ryan Niccoli and Tyler Meyer.

“Dougan and Schneider are getting better every time they get out on the court,” Erspamer said. “This is their first year playing tennis, and having them get the experience and having them as our No. 5 and 6 really helps us.”

The only loss on the day for Maryville came in the doubles match featuring Macali and Geocken against Young and Kyle Fischer, where Shenandoah earned the 8-1 victory over the 'Hounds.

With the win, Maryville improved their overall record to 3-1.

“A lot of times, especially today, we got down in a couple of our

“We got down in a couple of our matches where we looked rusty.”

Hannah Erspamer

matches where we looked rusty by not playing for a while,” Erspamer said. “This team showed its competitive nature and focus on doing the little things right in getting the win.”

Results of Wednesday’s game versus Cameron were unavailable as of press time.

Next week the 'Hounds take on the Lafayette Fighting Irish at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Noyes Courts in St. Joseph.



Senior Eric Bostwick serves to his Shenandoah opponents in his No. 1 doubles match. Bostwick teamed with senior Tyler Walter to claim an 8-2 victory. He also came away victorious at No. 2 match, 8-5. The Spoofhounds defeated Shenandoah 8-1 Tuesday at the Northwest High Rise Courts.

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ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Steven Garber



Freshman first baseman Steven Garber went 6-for-9 last weekend with a home run, six RBIs and four runs scored, helping Northwest split their series with rival Missouri Western.

Cassie Lowell



Sophomore Cassie Lowell won her first tournament of the spring at the Avila Spring Invitational by shooting a career-best 152 over 36 holes to win by six strokes.

Tyler Walter



Senior Tyler Walter won his No. 1 singles match 8-4 and teamed with Eric Bostwick at No. 1 doubles to lead the Spoofhounds to an 8-1 win over Shenandoah Tuesday.

Alyssa Stiens



Junior forward Alyssa Stiens recorded two goals and an assist in leading Maryville to a 9-1 victory in a non-conference bout with Benton Tuesday in St. Joseph.

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Junior running back Jordan Simmons looks for an open running lane at the spring football game last season. Simmons returns to an experienced team and will be looked to as a leader during his upcoming senior campaign.

THERE IS NO OFF SEASON

Spring practice gives players chance to earn spots, go head-to-head

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor

Spring football is a ritual that dates back more than 100 years to 1889, 20 years after the game's inception.

Coaches and players come together to start building the team, set up a depth chart and get the playbook in order for the fall season, and many of the game's innovations have come during spring football.

"Everybody does it different, but my big things are: stay healthy, be competitive, start getting seniors to understand their roles and leadership," head coach Adam Dorrel said.

Harvard held the country's first spring

practice March 14, 1889 which "consisted of kicking, tackling and falling on the ball," according to the "Harvard Crimson."

The Bearcats use the spring to look back on the season and decide what worked and what did not and revamp what needs revamping.

"You watch everything and you start there and say 'We're not very good at this. We either get better or we gotta cut it.' So you do that, and then you go back and say 'OK, let's go out and research things that fit our people,'" Dorrel said.

"We're really big on 'Hey, let's try new things.' We really believe in that. We always have here. I think it's fun for the kids, and I think you throw stuff out there and make an assumption of 'Hey, we're not gonna be very good at that, or 'hey, we got something there that's gonna be good for our football program.' That makes you a better team because your opponents are studying you and what you do well, so you continue to grow and progress, and you

don't get stagnant."

Changes to spring practices, limiting the number of practices and how much contact could occur, happened in 1998 after studies concluded players suffered worse injuries during spring football than any other NCAA sport.

"We definitely take (into account) that it's spring ball, and we're not out there trying to knock each others heads off because we're all out there trying to earn a spot, but I wouldn't say that we hold back very much at the same point," junior offensive lineman Robert Stough said.

"You can't take the chance a go a little bit less hard than the guy across from you because then you're gonna get beat."

Practices were not moderated until 1951 when the NCAA limited spring practices to 20 sessions over 30 days, but did not limit contact until 1998. Starting

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SPRING FOOTBALL'S EVOLUTION

1874 May 14, first game that resembles modern football	1889 March 14, spring football is originated	1998 NCAA limits number of practices to 15 over 34 days and limits contact
1869 November 6, first collegiate football game	1875 June 4, first American college football game that resembles modern game	1951 NCAA limits number of practices to 20 over 30 days
		2012 April 14, Annual Green & White Game

NORTHWEST TRACK



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior multi-event Zane Myers takes the lead around the corner in the 400 meter hurdles. Myers took third place in the race.

Playoff-proven coach steps in to fill women's coaching job

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

Assistant Sports Editor

The offseason for the Northwest women's basketball team has been a rollercoaster ride full of twists and turns but has now come to rest with the hiring of head coach Mark Kellogg.

The search to replace 12-year head coach Gene Steinmeyer commenced after his unexpected retirement, but he was there to offer Athletic Director Wren Baker any help he needed to find a replacement.

"It was certainly our decision, but as we went through the process, I would consult with Gene some," Baker said. "He has been in the business a long time and knows guys' reputation."

In Kellogg's seven-year span at Fort Lewis College, he posted a record of 173-46 and is fresh off a second-round appearance in the Division II National Playoffs.

"I've known Mark and his successes for quite some time now because we had some mutual friends," Baker said. "I was hoping that he would be in the original pool."

"His win record certainly helped, but we started the process looking

for three things: someone who is successful on the court, successful in the classroom and community engagement."

Kellogg has stressed academic success throughout his coaching tenure.

"You look at his teams, and they pretty much have always been ranked in the top 25 in Division II as far as academic performance, and his 2010-11 team had the highest grade point average in the country in any division."

Leaving such a successful program took a lot of thought and consideration from Kellogg, but he decided Northwest was the best fit for him and his family.

"I think you look at it from two angles: professional and personal," Kellogg said. "I wasn't going to leave for something that didn't better my family and, obviously, my career. I think the community of Maryville provides that. I love the passion and the resources that they have here that they didn't have at Fort Lewis."

The tradition embedded in the athletics at Northwest was also appealing for the new Bearcat coach.

SEE **KELLOGG** | A10

AL Central up in air, Tigers not unbeatable

DALTON VITT

Chief Reporter



The Tigers signed Prince Fielder, Joakim Soria is out for the year, blah, blah, blah. The winter Hot Stove signings and spring training injuries are behind us, so here is what I expect from the AL Central division this year.

I'm getting a head start because we're a few games in, so call me a cheater if you want, but the opening week of baseball season means about as much as an NBA game between the Raptors and Wizards.

1. Detroit Tigers (92-70)

Yes, Detroit is the exciting team in the Central, which isn't saying a whole lot due to the fact that it is one of the more bland divisions in baseball (Coastal biases. You were thinking it, I said it.). However, this isn't close to a 100-win team. Very good, yes. Great, no. Players such as Jose Valverde and Joel Peralta absolutely will not repeat their monster 2011 seasons. Most people giddy about the Tigers are forgetting that they did lose Victor Martinez for the season, who was a major piece for them last season. I expect Detroit to win the division before losing in the ALCS.

2. Kansas City Royals (81-81)

Everyone in KC is hoping for that .500 season, and for the sake of optimism, I'm giving it to you. Eric Hosmer has shown early-season power with no sign of a sophomore slump, as the Royals stole the season-opening series against the offseason champion Angels. I have full faith that the lineup will produce the necessary amount of runs to consistently win. Obviously, the problem is in the rotation. If Bruce Chen isn't overused and Luke Hochevar pitches like he did after the All-Star break last season, this team should keep its head above water. As I've said before, Kansas City has the pieces to fill in for Soria, and as long as they don't lose Greg Holland, Aaron Crow or Johnathan Broxton for an extended period of time, the bullpen should be the Central's best. However, a wild card spot won't be attainable this season with the depth in the East and West divisions.

3. Cleveland Indians (77-85)

Two names to remember this season for Cleveland: Justin Masterson and Carlos Santana. Masterson will be a dominant pitcher someday, and it could be as early as 2012. He uses one of the best sinkers in the league to tame hitters, which will come in handy against Detroit's power. Santana is beginning to play more and more first base as opposed to catcher, which will boost his offensive numbers significantly. Cleveland is a solid, young team whose success will depend on shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera. If he repeats his 2011 stats, they will compete with Kansas City for second in the Central.

4. Chicago White Sox (73-89)

Chicago heads into 2012 with a brand new identity after replacing former manager Ozzie Guillen with rookie big league skipper Robin Ventura, who takes over a team that will go through rough times for a couple of years, especially this season. The Sox have a decent rotation attempting to go through a youth movement, as well as a couple of prospects that haven't panned out, including Gordon Beckham. If Beckham breaks out and Paul Konerko plays like a 26-year-old (again), they won't be an embarrassment to the Windy City.

5. Minnesota Twins (68-94)

The farm system pitching approach that everyone fell in love with hasn't exactly worked out yet. The rotation is weak, the bullpen is weaker and the defense will be atrocious. Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau, if healthy, can carry a lot of teams...but not this one. The Twins added a lot of pop to the outfield in Josh Willingham and Ryan Doumit, but those moves don't make a ton of sense, offensively or defensively, at spacious Target Field.